

Response to Amendment

The reply filed on August 27, 2008 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Claim listings must comply with 37 CFR 1.121 in that additions to the claims must be shown by underlining. The term "comprises" is not underlined, but also doesn't appear in the previous listing of February 4, 2008. Applicant has failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 in that the claim listing of August 27, 2008 fails to show amendment from the previous claim listing by the appropriate notation, in this case underlining. The changes to the claims are therefore informal and it isn't clear if other changes have also been made without appropriate notation. A satisfactory response would be a new claim listing with all changes to the claims shown by appropriate notation in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAMES R. BRITTAIN whose telephone number is (571)272-7065. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 5:30-2:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Victor Batson can be reached on (571) 272-6987. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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